

Town of Stow
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 13, 2022 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Chief Michael Sallese, Fire Chief John P Benoit, Steve Nadeau

(Jesse Steadman – Arrived at 1:30PM)

Chief Sallese called meeting to order 1:05 PM

Public Input

A resident from 40 Sawmill Rd was present via Zoom to discuss traffic concerns at the Circuit Drive neighborhood. The resident indicated concern with residents of the neighborhood, delivery companies and visitors speeding along the development's associated roadways.

Review of Minutes

March 16, 2022

Steve Nadeau moved to approve the minutes from March 16, 2022

Chief Sallese seconded.

Voted: 3-0 unanimously in favor (Chief Sallese -Yea; Chief Benoit -Yea; Steve Nadeau – Yea)

Member updates

Steve Nadeau reported that the Town-wide 25 MPH signs are being installed throughout town.

Steve Nadeau also reported that the No Name and Harvard Rd Stop sign proposal has been submitted to the Selectboard for approval.

Speed Enforcement

Chief Sallese reported that the reporting software has been updated. Since July 1, 2021 the Police Department has made 760 stops for moving violations. 25% of the stops have been residents

Chief Sallese reported that Police shifts are continuing traffic enforcement through out the town each shift.

Heights Street Update

Steve Nadeau reported that the Highway Department is clearing the left side of Heights Street. It has been determined that Heights St is a private way and that the owners need to agree on further improvements to the way.

Steve Nadeau noted that it was determined that the French drains installed were from the original developer of the Assabet Heights subdivision. Steve Nadeau indicated that the Highway Department had made repairs to the existing French drains 12 years ago. Given the drainage concerns raised by residents, Steve Nadeau said that the Highway Department will look into options for removal or redirection of drainage from the property.

Chief Sallese said he will schedule a site visit in a couple weeks.

Traffic Islands

Steve Nadeau reported that in order to remove the traffic island at the intersection of White Pond Road and Hastings Street would cost an estimated \$125,000. Steve Nadeau recommends that this work be done at the time when the roadway is scheduled for improvements to create efficiencies.

Boxboro Road - sign update/complaint

A verbal complaint regarding speeding on Boxboro Road was received by the Committee. The complainant was advised that the new speed limit signs are being installed this spring.

16 Circuit Dr - Complaint

Jesse Steadman arrived at the meeting.

Residents presented concerns regarding speeding on Circuit Drive and associated roadways. The Committee advised the resident that new 25MPH signs are in process of being installed, which would reduce speed from 30 MPH to 25 MPH in development. The Committee further recommended residents create safety signs of their own to show the local opposition to speeding. The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee will also look at placing traffic delineators at the entrance of the development to slow vehicles along the straight away portions of the roadway. Chief Saleese noted that the Police Dept will add the neighborhood as an area for traffic enforcement. Lastly, the Committee indicated that they will review the availability of portable speed feedback signs for the neighborhood to alert drivers to their actual speeds.

11 Great Rd

Complaint Moved

Letters to Residents

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee reviewed a letter to a resident at Lowell Drive.

Chief Saleese moved to approve the letter as drafted.

Jesse Steadman seconded.

Voted: 4-0 unanimously in favor (Chief Sallese -Yea; Chief Benoit -Yea; Steve Nadeau – Yea; Jesse Steadman – Yea)

Traffic Delineators

Steve Nadeau reported that the curb stops have been removed from Sudbury Rd and Hudson Rd. Steve Nadeau added that traffic delineators have been replaced on Sudbury Rd due to damage and the Highway Department will be installing additional delineators on Wheeler Road in the coming week.

Speed Feed Back Signs

Steve Nadeau reported that the Highway Department is working on tree removal on Wheeler Road. Once the removal is completed, the speed feedback sign will have sufficient sunlight to charge the solar array and the unit will be installed within the month

School Zone Lights

Steve Nadeau reported that the Center School signs have been ordered.

Chief Sallese motioned to adjourn

Steve Nadeau seconded

Voted: 4-0 unanimously in favor (Chief Sallese -Yea; Chief Benoit -Yea; Steve Nadeau – Yea; Jesse Steadman – Yea)

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Steadman